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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Yuuichirou TSURUTA

Application No.: 10/661,493

Confirmation No.: 9236

Filed: September 15, 2003

Art Unit: 3748

For: HEAT SHIELD FOR INTERNAL

COMBUSTION ENGINE EXHAUST

SYSTEM

Examiner: Loren C. Edwards

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated App	Application Number 10/661,493-Conf. #9236				3			
FEE TRANSMITTAL			Filing Date September 15, 2003					
For FY 2008			First Named Inv	entor	Yuuichirou TSURUTA			
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27			Art Unit 3748					
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FEE CALCULATION								
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES								
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES Small							Small Entity	
<u>Fee Description</u> Each claim over 20 (including Re				Fee (\$) 50	Fee (\$)			
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Multiple dependent claims				370	185			
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